An unprecedented mobilization of resistance and protests have arisen in the U.S. during the last couple of months. That is hopeful, but there are important issues and lessons from resistance studies to reflect upon that are not necessarily taken into account by the activists. How will these large protest events evolve into a resilient and long-term movement? Activists will need to mount a resistance strong enough to create a necessary system change that will survive the repression that the Trump regime has already prepared for. This talk will reflect upon a movement that can make a difference during the next 4-8 years of Trumpism. After an introduction by Stellan, we will discuss how to best develop a framework for such a resistance in small groups.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017, 12:30 - 2:00 PM**
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